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1. [redacted] Greg Rushford, Legislative Assistant to Representative Clarence D. Long (D., Md.), called to request our assistance in providing him information and to make available our resources for a study he is doing on the arms politics in the Persian Gulf with particular interest in Kurdistan, Iraq, and Iran. Apparently Rushford's work in this area relates to Representative Long's Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, House Appropriations Committee, responsibilities. Rushford claimed credit for the Appropriations Committee's actions with respect to protection of our nuclear weapons abroad. He was quite aggressive and indicated that if we did not cooperate, he would find ways to get the information. He said the Representative had written a letter to the Secretary of State on this matter but Rushford is not optimistic because "Kissinger" wouldn't tell what he is doing. He said he did not want to play games and had noted in a book that CIA only briefs congressmen and not their personal staffs, but in this case Representative Long does not want us to deal directly with him but for Rushford to be briefed. I told Rushford I didn't play games, that the Agency simply does not have the resources to brief the personal staffs of 535 members of the Congress on a one-to-one basis and for this reason, in the interest of being of the greatest possible assistance, we generally arrange our briefings according to the way Congress has structured itself to those committees having jurisdiction in the area to be covered and that in no event do we brief on the U. S. side of an equation. Rushford said he is a good friend of Bill Miller, who formerly worked for Senator John S. Cooper (retired) and is now on the Special Committee on the Termination of the National Emergency. I told Rushford I would check on what assistance we could give to him but that I was pessimistic I could meet his conditions and requirements at which time he pleaded, "we really need your help."

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